

4. (Once amended) A wire steered scalpel for selectively
variably enlarging catheter entry site[s], in both width and
depth dimensions, [wherein] the entry site having a guide wire
[has been] inserted thereat preparatory to introducing a
catheter, said scalpel comprising:

a housing comprising a pathway having an entry portal
and an exit portal through which the guide wire is
threadably disposed to facilitate steering the housing to
the entry site, the entry portal being proximal to the entry
site when the scalpel is used;

a split scalpel blade having a pair of sharpened
points, said blade being within the housing and aligned with
the pathway to lance, at the entry site, to be extended from
the housing and thereby produce an incision having a
predetermined width and depth; and

an actuator comprising a plurality of blade interfacing
parts by which the scalpel blade is manually displaced
relative to the housing and pathway to cause the blade to
lance.

Claim 15 reads upon Species II and is withdrawn with
traverse as disclosed hereafter.